



C'mon dive in, say Olympic duo



IN THE SWIM: Leon Taylor, left, and Peter Waterfield, 2004 Athens Olympic diving medallists

OLYMPIC medallists joined schoolchildren to launch a national campaign to encourage diving.

The children from St Matthew's Primary School in Old Pye Street, Victoria, went to the Queen Mother Sports Centre in Vauxhall Bridge Road, Pimlico, on Thursday, July 19.

The centre hosted the national launch of the Flip'n'Fun diving scheme with Olympic medallists Peter Waterfield and Leon Taylor and Junior World Champion, Blake Aldridge.

The divers gave an impressive display to inspire the children. Diving coach Steve Gladding put the budding divers through their paces as he introduced them to the world of diving.

General manager of the Queen Mother Centre, Andy Hungerford said: "We were delighted to help host the national launch of Flip'n'Fun and believe that this is a fantastic opportunity to introduce children to a sport that they would not usually have regular access to.

"In this day and age, it's vitally important to encourage children to participate and experiment with as many different activities as possible whilst the potential to spot future Olympians is extremely exciting."

Flip n Fun is a new initiative from the Amateur Swimming Association (ASA) aimed at children aged five to 11 and designed to introduce them to the sport of diving while learning new skills in a fun and safe environment.